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In re Application of: Thomas E. Schmoyer

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AN ARTICLE AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM"

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and objections and solicits an early allowance of claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 13, 15-20 and 42-44 for the reasons discussed below. A one-month extension of time has been included herein.

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